

***SURPRISE CANYON WILDERNESS***

***23,851 Acres***

***Designated October 31, 1994 by the California Desert Protection Act,  
Public Law 103-433***

This is the final legal description as required in Section 103(b) of the above mentioned Act. It describes the boundary for the Surprise Canyon Wilderness Area located in Inyo County, California and managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The boundary is more particularly described as follows:

**NORTHWESTERLY UNIT**

Beginning at the intersection of a line parallel with and 100 feet northerly of the centerline of the Indian Ranch Road, and a line parallel with and 300 feet easterly of the centerline of State Highway 178, located in the southeast 1/4 of section 27, T. 20 S., R. 43 E., M.D.M., said intersection being the point of beginning;

thence northeasterly, parallel with and 300 feet southeasterly of said centerline of State Highway 178, to point 1, the intersection of the line between the corner common to sections 27, 28, 33, and 34, T. 19S., R 43E., and the corner common to sections 11, 12, 13, 14, T. 20S., R. 43E., said point on the Death Valley National Park boundary;

thence southeasterly, coincident with the Death Valley National Park boundary, to point 2, the section corner common to sections 11, 12, 13, and 14, T. 20S., R. 43E., M.D.M.;

thence southeasterly, coincident with the Death Valley National Park boundary, on a line between said corner of sections 11, 12, 13, and 14, and the corner of sections 27, 28, and surveyed sections 33 & 34 T. 20 S., R. 44 E. M.D.M., said corner on the northerly boundary line of the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, to point 3, the intersection of a line parallel with and 30 feet northwesterly of the centerline of the Jail Canyon jeep trail;

thence southerly, leaving the Death Valley National Park boundary, parallel with and 30 feet westerly of said centerline to point 4, the intersection of a line parallel with and 100 feet northerly of the Indian Ranch Road;

thence northwesterly, parallel with and 100 feet northerly of said centerline to the point of beginning.

**NORTHERLY UNIT**

Beginning at the corner of sections 3 and 4 only, on the township line between Ts. 20 and 21 S., R. 44 E., M.D.M., said point on the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, said point being the point of beginning;

thence southerly, coincident with the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, between sections 3 and 4, to point 5, the intersection of a line parallel with and 100 feet northerly of the centerline of the Indian Ranch Road;

thence northwesterly, leaving the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, parallel with and 100 feet northerly of said centerline to point 6, the intersection of a line parallel with and 30 feet easterly of the centerline of the Jail Canyon jeep trail;

thence northerly, parallel with and 30 feet easterly of said centerline to point 7, the intersection of a line between the corner of sections 11, 12, 13, and 14, T. 20S., R. 43E., and the corner of sections 27, 28, and surveyed sections 33 & 34, T. 20 S., R. 44 E. M.D.M., said line coincident with the Death Valley National Park boundary;

thence southeasterly, coincident with the Death Valley National Park boundary to point 8, said corner of sections 27, 28, and surveyed sections 33 & 34, T. 20 S., R. 44 E., M.D.M., said point on the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary;

thence leaving the Death Valley National Park boundary, coincident with the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, between sections 33 and 34 to point 9, the 1/4 section corner of sections 33 and 34;

thence westerly, coincident with the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, on the east/west centerline of section 33 to point 10, the center 1/4 section corner of section 33;

thence southerly, coincident with the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, on the north/south centerline of section 33 to point 11, the intersection of a line parallel with and 30 feet northwesterly of an unimproved road;

thence southwesterly, leaving the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, parallel with the 30 feet northwesterly of said unimproved road, to point 12, the intersection of the township between Ts. 20 and 21 S., R. 44 E., M.D.M. said point on the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary,

thence westerly on said township line, coincident with the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, to the point of beginning.

## **CENTER UNIT**

Beginning at the 1/4 section corner of sections 3 and 10, T. 21 S., R. 44 E., M.D.M., said point being the point of beginning;

thence northerly on the north/south centerline of section 3 to point 13, the center 1/4 corner of section 3 said point on the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary;

thence northerly, coincident with the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, on the north/south centerline of section 3 to point 14, the center-north 1/16 corner of section 3;

thence easterly, coincident with the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, on the east/west centerline of the northeast 1/4 of section 3 to point 15, the northeast 1/16 section corner of section 3;

thence northerly, coincident with the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, on the north/south centerline of the northeast 1/4 of section 3 to point 16, the east 1/16 section corner of section 3 only, on the township line between Ts. 20 and 21 S., R. 44 E., M.D.M.;

thence easterly, coincident with the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, on said township line to point 17, the corner of sections 33 and 34 only, T. 20 S., R. 44 E., M.D.M.;

thence northerly, coincident with the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, between sections 33 and 34 to point 18, the south 1/16 section corner of sections 33 and 34;

thence easterly, coincident with the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, on the east/west centerline of the southwest 1/4 of section 34 to point 19, the southwest 1/16 section corner of section 34;

thence northerly, coincident with the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, on the north/south centerline of the southwest 1/4 of section 34 to point 20, the center-west 1/16 section corner of section 34;

thence easterly, coincident with the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, on the east/west centerline of section 34 to point 21, the center 1/4 section corner of section 34;

thence northerly, coincident with the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, on the north/south centerline of section 34 to point 22, the intersection of the center of the Hall Canyon drainage, said point on the Death Valley National Park boundary;

thence northeasterly, leaving the Indian Ranch Reservation boundary, coincident with the Death Valley National Park boundary, along the center of the Hall Canyon drainage for approximately 2 miles to point 23, the intersection of the centerline of the Hall Canyon Road, near the 4,800 foot contour interval;

thence southeasterly, coincident with the Death Valley National Park boundary, to point 24, elevation point 6180T;

thence southeasterly, coincident with the Death Valley National Park boundary, on the line between elevation point 6180T and elevation point 7770T to point 25, the intersection of a line parallel with and 30 feet northerly of the centerline of the 1994 location of the Surprise Canyon jeep trail;

thence southwesterly, leaving the Death Valley National Park boundary, parallel with and 30 feet northerly of said centerline, to point 26, the intersection of a NAD 1927 W. longitude line of  $117^{\circ}12'30''$ , as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle, "Ballarat, Calif.", Provisional Edition 1988, said point near jeep trail barrier;

thence North to point 27, the intersection of a line parallel with and 100 feet northerly of the centerline of the Surprise Canyon Road;

thence southwesterly, parallel with and 100 feet northwesterly of Surprise Canyon Road to point 28, the intersection of a line parallel with and 100 feet northerly of the centerline of the north fork of the Surprise Canyon Road having NAD 1927 coordinates of  $36^{\circ}04'42\frac{1}{2}''$  N. latitude,  $117^{\circ}12'38''$  W. longitude, as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle, "Ballarat, Calif.", Provisional Edition 1988;

thence southwesterly, parallel with and 100 feet northwesterly of the north fork of the centerline of Surprise Canyon Road, to point 29, the intersection of a line parallel with and 100 feet easterly of the centerline of Indian Ranch road;

thence northerly, parallel with and 100 feet easterly of said centerline to point 30, the intersection of the north/south centerline of section 10, near the C-N-N-N 1/256 corner, T. 21 S., R. 44 E., M.D.M.;

thence northerly on the north/south centerline of section 10 to the point of beginning.

## **SOUTHERLY UNIT**

Beginning at the intersection of a line parallel with and 30 feet northerly of the centerline of the Happy Canyon jeep trail, and a line parallel with and 100 feet easterly of the centerline of Indian Ranch road, located in the southwest 1/4 of section 34, T. 21 S., R. 44 E., M.D.M., said intersection being the point of beginning;

thence northeasterly, parallel with and 100 feet southeasterly of said centerline of the Indian Ranch road, to point 31, the intersection of a line parallel with and 100 feet easterly of the centerline of the southerly fork of the Surprise Canyon road;

thence northeasterly, parallel with and 100 feet southeasterly of said centerline, to point 32, the intersection of a line parallel with and 100 feet easterly of the centerline of the said Surprise Canyon improved and maintained road;

thence northeasterly, parallel with and 100 feet southeasterly of said centerline to point 33, the intersection of a NAD 1927 W. longitude line of  $117^{\circ}10'27''$ , as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle, "Ballarat, Calif.", Provisional Edition 1988, said point near Chris Wicht camp and a jeep trail barrier;

thence North to point 34, the intersection of the line parallel with and 30 feet southerly of the 1994 location of the Surprise Canyon jeep trail;

thence northeasterly, parallel with and 30 feet southeasterly of said centerline to point 35, the intersection of the line between elevation point 6180T and elevation point 7770T, said point being on the Death Valley National Park boundary;

thence southwesterly, coincident with the Death Valley National Park boundary to point 36, elevation point 7770T near the 1/4 corner of section 21 and just south of the section line between sections 16 & 21, T. 21 S., R. 45 E. MDM;

thence East approximately 0.1 mile, coincident with the Death Valley National Park boundary, to point 37, the center of an unnamed drainage that is a tributary of Happy Canyon;

thence southerly along the center of said unnamed drainage, coincident with the Death Valley National Park boundary, to point 38, the intersection of the center of the Happy Canyon drainage;

thence southwesterly, coincident with the Death Valley National Park boundary, on a line between the intersection of the thread of the Happy Canyon drainage and elevation point 7010T, to point 39, the intersection of the thread of drainage having NAD 1927 coordinates of 36°04'17 ½ " N. latitude, 117°07'20" W. longitude, as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle, "Panamint, Calif.";

thence westerly to point 40, a peak having NAD 1927 coordinates of 36°04'09", N. latitude, 117°08'26 ½ ", W. longitude, as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle, "Ballarat, Calif.", Provisional Edition 1988;

thence westerly to point 41, the intersection of a line parallel with and 30 feet southerly of the Happy Canyon jeep trail and the north/south centerline of the northwest ¼ of section 36, T. 21 S., R. 44 E., M.D.M.;

thence northerly on the north/south centerline of the northwest 1/4 of section 36, to point 42, the intersection of a line parallel with and 30 feet northerly of the Happy Canyon jeep trail;

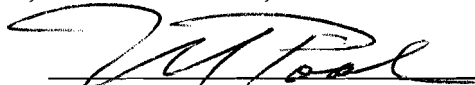
thence westerly, parallel with and 30 feet northerly of said centerline to the point of beginning.

## END OF DESCRIPTION

The above description containing approximately 23,851 acres utilizes the Ballarat, Jail Canyon, Maturango Peak NE, and Panamint 7.5 minute quadrangle maps prepared by the U.S.G.S. The boundary calls listed herein are in part a result of scaling distances from said quadrangle maps and are not a result of survey. All courses have been depicted upon the above mentioned quadrangle maps and are made a part of this official record. Acreage is calculated from the BLM California State Office ArcInfo wilderness coverage.

I hereby certify the legal description and map herewith represent the location of the boundary of the Surprise Canyon Wilderness area designated by the California Desert Protection Act, Public Law 103-433, dated October 31, 1994.

Signed:

  
Mike Pool  
State Director, California

  
Date